



## BIG STORIES OF THE BIBLE 17

### THE SPIES (JOSHUA 2)

**Scripture:** Joshua 2

**Open:** Greet, Praises, Requests, Pray

**Supplies:** Red string (we used white, too)

#### Ask:

- Who can tell me what we learned about Balaam last week?
- Were you able to use your words for kindness this past week?
- Where have the Israelites been in our last few stories? (Wandering the desert)
- Today, they're going to scout out the Promised Land

#### Summarize:

Before the Israelites got to the Promised Land, Moses had sent out 12 spies to check it out. They came back and told of milk and honey and an amazing land. But they also told that it had giants in it. 10 of the spies said they couldn't take the land, but Joshua and Caleb believed they could with God on their side. Unfortunately, the people gave into fear and listened to the ten spies who were scared of the giants. This is one of the reasons they didn't enter the land for 40 years.

Now, Moses has died, and God has made Joshua the new leader of the Israelites. Today, we're going to learn about spies that he sent out.

**Read:** Joshua 2

#### Game:

Play real-life guess who. (This is similar to the Guess Who board game.) Have one or two guessers, depending on the size of your class. Have the guessers go outside while you decide who the "spy" is. Bring the guessers back in and have them face the class standing. They can ask you yes or no questions to find the spy.

For Example:

Is the spy a girl? Yes. All the boys sit down.

Does the spy have brown hair? No. All with brown hair sit down.

Does the spy have a necklace on? Yes. All without a necklace sit down.

And so on until they find the spy.

Obviously, ensure the questions are kind.

**Game Continued:**

Play several rounds of the game.

**Ask:**

Was it hard to find the spy?

How did the spies in the Bible get saved?

What did the spies promise Rahab?

What did Rahab need to do?

**Craft:**

Have the kids braid their own scarlet cord bookmark to remember the spies and Rahab. They can either do friendship bracelet style or a simple braid depending on their skill level and the time allowed.

To know how to make a simple friendship bracelet, go to

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IHhBrdF0ZD4> or look up other styles

**Comic Book Bibles:**

Have the kids draw the story of Rahab and the spies. Save it to add to their Comic Book Bibles.

**Memorize:** Joshua 2:24

**Close in Prayer**

